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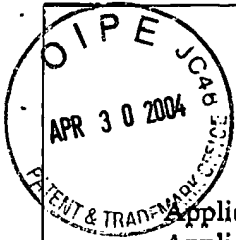
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Applicant: : Lawrence Martin  
Filed: : 08/19/2003  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : Brian J. Sines  
  
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Customer No. : 21901  
For : Hand-Held Fluid Analyzer

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

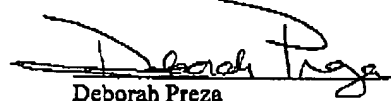
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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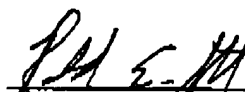
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## Introductory Comments

Sir:

The above-identified patent application is amended a first time prior to examination as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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